CLAIMS

1. An air conditioner (1), comprising:

an air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) for performing air conditioning of indoor air;

an air deflector (144) for adjusting the direction in which said conditioned air is discharged; and

a control unit (60) for performing powerful operation whereby the capacity of said air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) is temporarily increased;

wherein,

said control unit (60) adjusts the direction of said air deflector (144) in accordance with the direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

2. The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) adjusts the direction of said air deflector (144) so that air is discharged in the direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

3. The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 1, wherein

said control unit (60) adjusts the direction of said air deflector (144) so that air is discharged in the direction in which people are not present during said powerful operation.

4. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3, wherein the direction of said air deflector (144) is fixed during said powerful operation.

5. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 3, wherein the swing range of said air deflector (144) is changed during said powerful operation.

6. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 5, further comprising:

a timer (45) for limiting the time in which said powerful operation is performed.

7. The air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 6, wherein

a time at which said air deflector (144) is stopped during said powerful operation is set in said timer (45).

8. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 7, wherein said air deflector (144) comprises a vertically moving flap.

9. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 8, further comprising:

a sensor (44) for detecting said people.

10. The air conditioner (1) as recited in any one claim of Claim 1 through Claim 9, wherein the direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted when said powerful operation is set during cooling operation.

11. A method for controlling an air conditioner (1) having an air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) for performing air conditioning of indoor air; an air deflector (144) for adjusting the direction in which said conditioned air is discharged; and a control unit for performing powerful operation whereby the capacity of said air conditioning mechanism (11, 12, 21) is temporarily increased, comprising:

adjusting the direction of said air deflector (144) in accordance with the direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

12. The method for controlling an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 11, wherein the direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted so that air is discharged in the direction in which people are present during said powerful operation.

13. The method for controlling an air conditioner (1) as recited in Claim 11, wherein the direction of said air deflector (144) is adjusted so that air is discharged in the direction in which people are not present during said powerful operation.